

# List of night deities

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A **night deity** is a goddess or god in mythology associated with night, the night sky, or darkness. They commonly feature in polytheistic religions. The following is a list of night deities in various mythologies.

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The Norse night goddess Nótt riding her horse, in a 19th-century painting by Peter Nicolai Arbo

## Arabian

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- Al-Qaum, Nabatean god of war and the night, and guardian of caravans

## Aztec

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- Lords of the Night, group of nine gods, each of whom ruled over a particular night
- Itzpapalotl, fearsome skeletal goddess of the stars
- Metztli, god or goddess of the moon, night and farmers
- Tezcatlipoca, god of the night sky, the night winds, hurricanes, the north, the earth, obsidian, enmity, discord, rulership, divination, temptation, jaguars, sorcery, beauty, war and strife
- Tzitzimimeh, skeletal goddesses of the stars
- Yohaulticetl, lunar goddess known as the "Lady of the Night"

## Canaanite

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- Shalim, god of dusk
- Araphel, the divine darkness

## Egyptian

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- Apep, the serpent god, deification of evil and darkness
- Kuk, uncreated god and the personification of the primordial darkness
- Khonsu, god of the moon
- Nut, goddess of night also associated with rebirth

## Greco-Roman

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### Greek

- Achlys, primordial goddess of the clouding of eyes after death, the eternal night, and poison.
- Artemis, goddess of the hunt, the wilderness, and wild animals, who was commonly associated with the moon.
- Astraeus (Titan), Titan god of the Dusk, Stars, Planets and the art of Astronomy and Astrology.
- Asteria, Titaness goddess of nocturnal oracles and the stars.
- Erebus, primordial god and personification of darkness.
- Hades, god of the underworld, whose domain included night and darkness.
- Hecate, goddess of boundaries, crossroads, witchcraft, and ghosts, who was commonly associated with the moon.
- Hypnos, personification of sleep, the son of Nyx and Erebus and twin brother of Thanatos.
- Nyx, primordial goddess and personification of the night.
- Selene, Titaness goddess and personification of the moon.
- Thanatos, personification of death, the son of Nyx and Erebus and twin brother of Hypnos.

### Roman

- Diana Trivia, goddess of the hunt, the moon, crossroads, *equivalent to the Greek goddesses Artemis and Hecate*.
- Latona, mother goddess of day and night, *equivalent to the Greek goddesses Leto and Asteria*.
- Luna, goddess of the moon, *equivalent to the Greek goddess Selene*.
- Nox, primordial goddess of night; *equivalent to the Greek goddess Nyx*.
- Scotus, primordial god of darkness; *equivalent to the Greek god Erebus*.
- Somnus, god of sleep, *equivalent to the Greek god Hypnos*.
- Summanus, god of nocturnal thunder.

### Etruscan

- Artume (also called Aritimi, Artames, or Artumes), Etruscan goddess of the night; *equivalent to the Greek goddess Artemis*.

## Hindu

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- Ratri, goddess of night
- Chandra, god of the moon
- Rahu, celestial deity of darkness and eclipse
- Bhairava, god of night, guardian of all 52 Shakti Peetha
- Kali, goddess of time
- Dewi Ratih, Balinese goddess of the moon

## **Persian**

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- Ahriman, god of darkness, night and evils.

## **Lithuanian**

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- Aušrinė, goddess of the morning star
- Breksta, goddess of twilight and dreams, who protects people from sunset to sunrise
- Mėnuo, god of the moon
- Vakarė, goddess of the evening star
- Žvaigždės, goddesses of the stars and planets

## **Meitei/Sanamahism**

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- Sajik (Aries)
- Thaba (Musca)
- Khongjom Nubi (Pleiades)
- Apaknga (Lunar mansions)
- Sachung Telheiba (A Orionis)
- Likla Saphaba (Orion)
- Chingcharoibi (G Geminorum)
- Chungshennubi (Cancer)
- Leipakpokpa (Mars)
- Yumsakeisa (Mercury)
- Sagolsen (Jupiter)
- Irai (Venus)
- Thangja (Saturn)
- Shakok (Uranus)
- Shamei (Neptune)

## **Norse**

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- Nótt, female personification of night

## **Polynesian**

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- Hine-nui-te-pō, goddess of night and death and the ruler of the underworld in Māori mythology.
- Ira, sky goddess and mother of the stars.

- Taonoui, Mā'ohi goddess who was the mother of the stars.

## Slavic

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- Zorya, two guardian goddesses, representing the morning and evening stars.
- Chernobog God of Darkness, Chaos, Famine, Pain, and all else that is bad.

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